

Briton & Russian on Trial in Moscow

2 Plead Guilty as West Spies

MOSCOW, May 7 (UPI) — A British businessman and a Soviet scientist today pleaded guilty to espionage charges in a spy spectacular involving U. S. and British intelligence agents and seven American diplomats.

Both admitted spying against the Soviet Union following the reading of the indictment in the opening session of the trial for their lives.

CONTACT

The Briton is Greville Wynne, 42, a dapper mustachioed arranger of trade exhibitions who was seized in Budapest six months ago and held incommunicado in a Moscow prison. He was accused of being chief contact man for an Anglo-American spy ring.

The Russian scientist is Oleg Penkovsky, 43, a tall, gray-haired former scientific co-ordinator, accused of selling the Kremlin's scientific and defense secrets to Mr.

Wynne for use by British intelligence and the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. The Soviet press called him a "money-hungry traitor who loved to dance the Charles and Twist."

Col. Penkovsky pleaded guilty to all charges.

Mr. Wynne said "I plead guilty with the exception of those points which I shall name in my statement."

Both men face possible death sentences if convicted.

The prosecution started questioning Col. Penkovsky about details of the charges. The defendant described the times and circumstances during 1961 and 1962 of what he said were his various meetings with Mr. Wynne.

He said about 10 per cent of what he handed over was economic information.

BRITISH COUNSEL

Mr. Wynne's wife, Sheila, was present at the trial. The defendant has a British counsel, Derek Sinden, who can-

not participate in the trial, but may advise Mr. Wynne.

The indictment charged that seven American and six British diplomats, as well as some wives, were implicated in the espionage work.

The trial is expected to last three or four days. Sentence will be without appeal, although defendants have the right to ask President Leonid Brezhnev for executive clemency.

Americans named in the indictment were:

✓ Capt. Alexis Davison of Atlanta, Ga., former U. S. Embassy doctor and assistant Air Force attaché, who left Moscow yesterday at the end of a regular tour of duty.

✓ U. S. Embassy Second Secretary Robert German of Dallas, Tex.

✓ Agricultural Attaché William Horbaly of Falls Church, Va.

✓ Former Assistant Agricultural Officer Rodney Carlson of Aicesk, S. D.

✓ Former Administrative Officer William Jones.

✓ Attaché Hugh Montgomery, the U. S. Embassy's security officer.

✓ Former Secretary and Archivist Richard Carl Jacob.

All of the Americans except Mr. Jones and Mr. Horbaly were accused previously in the official Soviet press. Only Mr. Horbaly and Mr. German still are in Moscow.

According to the indictment, Mr. Wynne's contacts with Col. Penkovsky began in April, 1961, when the Russian, then on an official business trip in London, was recruited by the Briton to work for both the British and U. S. Intelligence services.

The indictment said Col. Penkovsky kept in touch with Anglo-American agents by radio, in code, and meetings at diplomatic receptions in Moscow with Mr. Wynne and other contacts. Preliminary investigation, the indictment said, established that Col. Penkovsky acted because of moral depravity.

The indictments said that Col. Penkovsky was promised that after he completed his espionage work he would be given a job with British or U. S. Intelligence at a salary of \$2000 a month. It also said he was told he would receive \$1000 a month retroactively for his past services in Russia.